Listing of the Claims

1. (previously presented) A method of accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL) comprising the steps of:

    receiving input of a RL, said RL corresponds to a resource;

    soliciting input of search terms if said RL is invalid;

    receiving input of said search terms;

    searching a predetermined index of addresses of valid RLs in accordance with said search terms;

    presenting a list of all valid RLs in said predetermined index with addresses that correspond to said search terms;

    receiving selection of a RL from said list; and

    retrieving and displaying content from said selected RL.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said resource comprises a resource accessible via the Internet.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said search term comprises a wildcard representing a predetermined plurality of characters.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said search term comprises a wildcard.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said search term is representative of a range of values.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of retrieving and displaying content from said resource where said RL is valid.

8. (previously presented) A method of accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL) comprising the steps of:

receiving input of a RL, said RL corresponding to an address for a resource;

determining if said RL is valid;

soliciting input of a RL search string if said RL is invalid;

receiving input of said RL search string; and

searching a predetermined index of valid RLs in accordance with said RL search string to determine valid RLs that meet criteria specified by said RL search string.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

10. (original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of displaying a list of valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving a selection of a RL specified by said list of valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of accessing and displaying content from a resource associated with said selected RL.

13. (currently amended) A method of selecting a resource locator (RL) comprising the steps of:

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receiving input of a RL at a user device, said RL corresponding to a resource;

determining if said RL is valid;

<u>soliciting input of search terms if said RL is invalid;</u>

generating a RL search string at the user device if said RL is invalid; and

searching a predetermined index of valid RLs in accordance with said RL search string to determine valid RLs that meet the criteria of said RL search string, wherein said RL search term describes a name of a location for a desired resource and said valid RLs have names that correspond to said RL search string.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

15. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of displaying a list of valid RLs that meet the criteria of said RL search string.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of receiving a selection of a RL on said list of valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of accessing and displaying content from a resource associated with said selected RL.

18. (currently amended) A system for accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL) comprising:

controller for receiving a RL search string from a user device, wherein said RL search string is generated at the user device based upon an invalid RL that was provided as input to the user device, the input solicited if said RL is invalid;

memory associated with said controller for storing a list of valid RLs; and

said controller is further configured to search said list of valid RLs to determine valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string, wherein said RL search term describes a name of a location for a desired resource and said valid RLs have names that correspond to said RL search string.

19. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

20. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein said controller is further configured to generate a list of valid RLs meeting criteria of said RL search string.

21. (original) The system of claim 20, wherein said controller is further configured to forward said list of valid RLs meeting said criteria to said user device.

22. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein said controller forwards said list of valid RLs to said user device via a network.

23. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein said RL search string comprises a wildcard character representing a predetermined character.

24. (previously presented) A system for accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL) comprising:

controller for receiving a RL from a user device;

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memory associated with said controller for storing a list of valid RLs at the user device;

said controller is configured to generate a RL search string if said RL is determined to be invalid; and

said RL search string comprises a wildcard, wherein said RL search term describes a name of a location for a desired resource and said valid RLs have names that correspond to said RL search string.

25. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

26. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said controller is further configured to search said list of valid RLs in accordance with said RL search string to identify valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

27. (original) The system of claim 26, wherein said controller is further configured to forward said list of valid RLs meeting said criteria to said user device.

28. (original) The system of claim 27, wherein said controller forwards said list of valid RLs to said user device via a network.

29. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said wildcard represents a predetermined character.